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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

Re: Oral *En Parte* Presentation  
CC Docket No. 01-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 5, 2002, Donna N. Lampert and the undersigned, both of Lampert and O'Connor, P.C., on behalf of AOL Time Warner Inc. ("AOL"), met with Jeff Carlisle, Senior Deputy Bureau Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss the above-referenced docket.

In the meeting, consistent with AOL's Reply Comments filed April 22, 2002 in CC Docket No. 01-337, we discussed the following points

We explained first that as a factual matter, even though there is competition for retail information services, there is still not competition for wholesale broadband transmission services. Based on the facts and the record before it, we urged the Commission not to classify the BOCs as nondominant, and instead to maintain the requirements that BOCs make available the transmission services to unaffiliated ISPs on the same rates, terms and conditions that the BOC provides itself. We also emphasized that the Commission must ensure transparency in order to deter anticompetitive behavior and to enhance enforcement. We noted that the core principles of nondiscrimination and transparency underlying the *Computer Inquiry* rules are valuable tools that are currently used by unaffiliated ISPs.

Second, we noted that these successful principles should be retained even if the Commission allows some detariffing. We addressed the November 15, 2002 and November 26, 2002 *exparte* letters filed by SBC and stressed the importance of ensuring nondiscrimination between BOC affiliated and nonaffiliated ISPs. We urged the Commission to provide explicit guidance maintaining the core principles, specifying the services to which they would apply and

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ensuring that rates, terms and conditions available to affiliated ISPs will continue to be publicly accessible and available to unaffiliated ISPs. We explained that the Commission has ample authority to require such transparency, including its precedent in the *Computer Inquiries*.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, two copies of this letter are being provided to you for inclusion in the public record in the above-captioned proceeding. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Linda L. Kent

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cc: Jeff Carlisle